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Town of Bluffton Promotes George Owens to the Town's Chief Building Official and Kendra Lelie to Town's Planning and Community Development Manager



George Owens

The Town of Bluffton has promoted George Owens to chief building official for the Town. Owens has worked for the Town for 6.5 years as a commercial, residential and fire safety plan examiner. In his new position, Owens is responsible for supervising the administration of building and construction codes, permits, facilities management and standards for construction procedures.

Prior to Owens' positions with the Town, he has worked in the construction industry since 1969 as a chief building inspector, plans examiner and construction superintendent in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Hilton Head Island. Owens also served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

A St. Helena Island-resident, Owens also breeds and raises English bulldogs and has lived in the Lowcountry since 2005.

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Kendra Lelie

The Town of Bluffton has also promoted Kendra Lelie to planning and community development manager. Formerly the Town's principal planner, Lelie is now in charge of oversight of the Town's Comprehensive Plan implementation, the administration of land planning, zoning, development review, historic preservation review, affordable housing initiatives and special projects which include park design, landscape architecture and specific capital improvement projects.

Prior to her position at the Town, Lelie worked as a land planning and landscape architect consultant for 15 years in several cities and towns in central New Jersey.

A Bluffton resident, Lelie is also a certified planner and a member of American Planning Association.